D.T.C., Bus service between Dhaula Kuan and Gurgaon

3022. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service of DTC buses running from Dhaula Kuan to Gurgaon is very less;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the services of above said buses are in frequent between 6 PM and 12 PM;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Acquisition of Ships for Central Inland Water Transport Corporation

3023. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are monitoring the progress of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation in use of river for transport purposes;

(b) if so, the new rivers surveyed for transport purposes;

(c) whether the number of ships with the corporation are inadequate; and

(d) if so, what are the details the new ships proposed to be acquired during the 8th Five Year Plan period for river transport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited (CIWTC) has carried out survey for operating in Surat, Cochin backwaters and Bombay. Besides, the Inland Waterways Authority of India has carried out techonomic feasibility studies on the Sunderbans, the Godavari and the Krishna with a view to assessing their potential for declaration as National Waterways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 38.00 crores exists for acquisition of new vessels by the CIWTC in the 8th Plan. However, at present there is no proposal under consideration.

Review of Construction and Repair Works of the Bridges over National Highway Gujarat

3024. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction and repair work of the bridges built over national highway in Gujarat is not reviewed from time to time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of the bridges in respect of which the construction and repair work reviewed during the last three years; and

(d) the details of deficiencies found in the said work together with the action taken by Government against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of bridges for which

review of the work relating to their construction and repairs has been made during last three years is as under:—

Year	No. of individual bridge work reviewed
1990	33
1991	27
1992	26

Apart from above one work pertaining to repair and rehabilitation of Narmada Bridge was also specifically reviewed during 1992-93.

(b) No shortcomings have come to notice in the course of such review.

Talks between India and Bangladesh in Inland Waterways

@3024-A. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of talks held between India and Bangladesh regarding inland waterways; and

(b) what are the follow-up actions taken by both sides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) In accordance with Protocol signed between the Governments of India and Bangladesh on 14.9.1993, the Government of Bangladesh will maintain two specific stretches of waterways to be primarily used by the Indian Transit vessels. For this purpose, it has also been agreed by India to pay a sum of TK 137 lakhs in 1993-94 which has already been paid and TK 150 lakhs is to be paid to Bangladesh in 1994-95.The agreement also provide for sharing of inter-country traffic on 50 : 50 basis by the two countries. This agreement is effective from 4.10.1993 and shall remain in force upto 3.10.1995.

@Previously unstarred Question 3481, transferred from 24th December, 1993.

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RE. DEMAND FOR EXTENSION OF CURRENT SESSION TO DISCUSS J.P.C. REPORT ON SECURITY SCAM

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the Members....

SHRI VIZOL (Nagaland): Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. I have to make an announcement.

SHRI VIZOL: Madam, I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will allow you. Will you please sit down for a minute?

I have to inform the Members that we had a Business Advisory Committee meeting today at 10.30. We took the opinion of the Members. There was a desire that we should adjourn the House on 23rd. And I took the view of the leaders of the various political parties and other groups, and they greed that the House should adjourn on 23rd and finish the pending business on the 23rd itself.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): How can it be?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is what the leaders in the Business Advisory Committee decided. You should ask the leaders.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Uttar Pradesh): We would like that this JPC report should be discussed. And why not extend the session?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I was going to tell you that there was also a demand that the Report of the JPC regarding the scam which was laid on the Table of the House should be discussed. So, it was agreed that we will discuss it tomorrow, and we can sit till late in the evening as long as we do not finish our business of discussion.

(Interruptions)